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Adult Group Sponsor Of May 2 Services

Religious School Students Conduct May 9, 10 Services

The last two late Friday evening services on May 2 and 9 will be given over to the Committee on Adult Education and the Religious School respectively.

The May 2 service will be under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education. The Choral Group, which has met each Monday evening during the 1940-41 adult class semesters under the leadership of Cantor Puterman, will chant the liturgy, together with the regular members of our choir.

Choral Group Members

The members of the Choral Group are: Fred Abrams, Ruth Abrams, Rose Arkin, Ruth Blumenreich, Elinor Dessauer, Syra Friedlander, Lilli Zimet, Fan Greenstein, Irma Heller, Lieselotte Horn, Henry Jacobius, Leah Rabinowitz, June Rosenthal, Franklin Simetz, Olga Bibor Stern, Arthur Washell, Ida Wells, Monroe Wexler. The names of our choir are Judith Litante, Devora Nadworney, Morris Poaster, Bernard Whitefield; Isidore Geller, organist.

Rabbi Steinberg will deliver the message of the evening—his theme, "Whither Our Congregation?" It will be a frank analysis of the achievements and deficiencies of our Synagogue life. At the Oneg Shabbat following the service, there will be a symposium on the sermon message and also on the Adult Education program.

Religious School Graduation

The Religious School will conduct the May 9 Friday evening service, when graduation exercises for both high school and lower school departments will take place. Instead of a formal sermon, religious school students,

The Barn Dance

One live cow or 60c admits you to the Barn Dance being sponsored by the Junior League this Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 p.m. in the vestry. Everyone, young and old—c'mon around and "swing your partner". The American Square Dance Group will conduct the square dances and provide music. Youth Aliyah will benefit.

Announce Sisterhood Luncheon-Musicale Program

The complete program for Sisterhood's annual Luncheon-Musicale has been announced by Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the event. It will include Miss Ella Flesch, renowned Viennese soprano, Master Gary Grafman, young piano prodigy, Mr. William Horn, well-known American tenor and Mr. Roman Totenberg, famed violinist. The musicale will start promptly at 11:15 a.m., May 7, on the Astor Roof.

Choice reservations for the affair are still available. Inquiries may be addressed to Mrs. William Karmiol, who is in charge of tickets.

Journal Space Available

There are but a few more days left to secure space in the Souvenir Journal which is being prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Jules Mendel. All persons who wish to enter personal, professional or business advertisements are urged to do so at once—the deadline is this Friday, May 2.

chosen on the basis of excellence of their work, will read papers.

On Saturday morning, May 10, the entire service will be turned over to the Junior Congregation who will conduct proceedings. Special awards to students in the Religious School for merit, progress and service will be made on this occasion. The entire congregation is invited to be present.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Tuesday, April 29

Book Review Group—11 a.m.
Senior League meeting—8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Service—8:30 p.m. (Committee on
Adult Education Sabbath)
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry
(Symposium)

Saturday, May 3

Morning Service—9:30 a.m.
Junior Cong. Service—10:30 a.m.
Junior League Barn Dance—
8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

Sunday School Classes—9:45 a.m.

Monday, May 5

Red Cross Group—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Adult Classes—7:30 to 10 p.m.
Choral Group—8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

Senior League meeting—8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Service—8:30 p.m.
Religious School Graduation
Exercises
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

Saturday, May 10

Morning Service conducted by
Junior Congregation—9:30 a.m.
Special Awards to Religious
School students

Sunday, May 11

Sunday School Classes—9:45 a.m.

Reconstructionists Hold Conference Sunday, May 18

Members of the congregation who are readers of the Reconstructionist magazine or subscribers to the Reconstructionist Foundation are invited to attend a Conference of the Reconstructionist Foundation. This will be held on Sunday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. At that meeting Professor Mordecai Kaplan will discuss the movement, and reports will be rendered as to the progress of the Foundation.

Early Sabbath Services Begin May 16

With the Friday evening service of May 9 our congregation closes its late Sabbath worship for the season. Thereafter and until next fall, worship will take place each Friday evening at 6 o'clock. The service will be regularly a brief one without a sermon message. Readers of THE SCROLL are urged, whenever occasion makes it possible, to avail themselves of the interval of prayer, song and meditation with which the Sabbath will be inaugurated.

Service Music Program

The program of service music to be heard on Friday evening, May 9, will be as follows:

<i>Ma Tovv</i>	<i>Lewandowski</i>
<i>L'cho Dodi</i>	<i>Sulzer</i>
<i>Borchu</i>	}
<i>Shma</i>	
<i>Mi Chomocho</i>	
<i>Ushmor Tsaysaynu</i>	<i>Putterman</i>
<i>V'shomru</i>	<i>Dunaiewsky</i>
<i>May the Words</i>	<i>S. Sukoenig</i>
<i>Kiddush</i>	<i>Lewandowski-Putterman</i>
<i>Vaanachnu</i>	<i>Zilberts</i>

Monday, May 12

Red Cross Group—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Choral Group—8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Book Review Group—11 a.m.
Sisterhood Board meeting—1 p.m.

Plan 60th Anniversary Temple Celebration

Information Sought Concerning Early Synagogue History

The year 1941-1942 will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of our congregation. Informal discussions among members of the Board of Trustees have already been launched for a month-long celebration of the event during October-November of next fall. Tentatively it has been planned to have two large social functions, one to mark the beginning of the month of celebration and the other its close.

Four special Friday evening services, according to provisional plans, will be held. One of these which should be of extraordinary interest will be an Old Timers Night. Information relevant to this enterprise is already being collected. Readers of *THE SCROLL* would help the Planning Committee considerably if they would send Rabbi Steinberg any information on the following:

Information Please

Who is the Bar Mitzvah or Confirmant of longest standing in our congregation? Two persons are known whose Bar Mitzvah took place almost forty years ago but there must be others who achieved their Jewish majority under congregational auspices even further back than that.

Who is the member of longest standing in the congregation?

Does any reader of *THE SCROLL* have any document or reminiscences of the early years of the congregation?

Further Details Later

It should be borne in mind that three congregations have merged in the course of the past sixty years to form our present Synagogue. These congregations are Bikur Cholim, The Gates of Hope, and Atereth Israel. The past of all of these is of equal interest to the present congregation. Further details as to the Sixtieth Celebration will be announced as they are formulated.

"The Jew as Jurist" Adult Class Theme

Continuing the series on "Jews Who Have Influenced Western Civilization," Rabbi Steinberg will speak at the major lecture series of the Adult Classes on Monday evening, May 5th, on "The Jew as Jurist" with Louis D. Brandeis as a type instance. Rabbi Steinberg will trace the history of law among Jews. He will analyze those forces which have molded the Jew as jurist and will trace their influence into the personalities of great Jewish masters of jurisprudence such as Brandeis.

Preceding the major lecture the regular classes will meet: The Seminar on "Problems of the Religious Life" and the course in Hebrew at 7:30; the Choral Group at 8; the course in Bible Study at 8:20.

Book Review Group

The Book and Play Review series held under the auspices of the Sisterhood will have its next meeting on Tuesday morning, May 13, at 11 a.m. At that meeting Rabbi Steinberg is to review Eric Knight's "This Above All", which has been widely hailed as the first great English novel to emerge from the war.

At the most recent meeting, Rabbi Steinberg discussed James Marquand's best selling novel of the contemporary Puritan, "H. M. Pulham, Esquire", along with the same author's Pulitzer prize novel, "The Late George Apley."

Beat the Deadline!

May 2, this Friday, is the deadline for inserting ads in the Souvenir Journal being prepared for Sisterhood's Luncheon-Musical. Space is still available for personal ads in the children's, collegians', "smart set" and memorial pages—also, in the professional and commercial sections. Get your ad in at once—worthy charities will appreciate your generosity.

Temple Tid-Bits...

by FAY P. WIENER

JUST A MUSICAL FAMILY: While Mrs. Benjamin Sack is busy pulling strings, blowing the horn and beating the drum for Sisterhood's Musicales and Luncheon, daughter Elinor's praises are being sung for her deft-fingered piano recital performance at Beaver College... **A SWELL COUPLE OF DRAFT DODGERS:** A most cordial welcome to the Jacob Friedmans, who have returned from their winter sojourning. Our President and his frau have the habit of spreading sunshine wherever they go, and since their return, we've had nothing else but... **SOME OFF-SHOOTS WHO ARE SHOOTING HIGH:** While WE have been going to the bow-wows with our doggerels, the Martin Ostriker progeny, Naomi and Jerry, have won radio bonanzas for writing stanzas... **A BOUQUET OF OKAYS:** To Mesdames Fred Abrams, Hermine Berger, Benjamin Bernstein, Jules Haft, Benjamin Sack, Paul Smolian and Jules Mendel, for the "oh-so-lovely" tea sponsored by them on behalf of Sisterhood... **THINGS WE NOTICE ON OUR WAY ABOUT TOWN:** The breath-taking view from Fred W. Schollem's office window; the priceless exhibition of miniature silver at Edward Munves' Fifth Avenue shop, the proceeds of which will be turned over to British War Relief... the many clippings in Norman Marks' office showing Norman in close photographic proximity to many of our civic, military and national biggies... George Lyttle's reception room, decorated with museum pieces, where one can get a liberal artistic education while waiting... The picture of Einstein in the office of one of our physician members inscribed as follows: "My gratitude for probing into my inner depths."... **ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK TALK:** Mrs. David W. Schenkman discussing Sisterhood's May 7th Luncheon with your newscaster... **NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP:** A "How-do you-do" to the Louis Magenheims, the Louis

News of the Religious School

At the Model Seder of the Sunday School the Afikomen Award for Cooperation was given to Class 5X, taught by Miss Grace Merlub. The pupils of the class decided to give the sum of \$5, their prize, to the Keren Ami and to celebrate the occasion by a special class picnic to be held on May 4.

The Keren Ami received the sum of \$14 from Robert Ritter, Charles Heilbronner, Stuart Ferester and Sandra Ritter. These students mimeographed the Passover Issue of THE SCROLL and donated the money that they received to the Charity Fund of the Religious School.

Bar Mitzvahs

On the Saturday mornings of May 17, 24 and 31, the Bar Mitzvahs of the following young men will be celebrated respectively: Master Henry Baron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Baron; Master Julian Meltzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meltzer; and Master Melville Pollak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pollak.

To the Bar Mitzvahs and their families, THE SCROLL extends its warmest felicitations and hopes that the young men will attain their highest potentialities in life as Jews and American citizens.

Red Cross Activities

A new course in First Aid has just begun under the guidance of Dr. Felix Jacobi, it is announced by Mrs. Sara Botein, chairman of Red Cross. The class meets each Monday and Friday at 1 p.m.

Every member of Sisterhood is called upon for service. Women are needed for hand sewing, machine sewing and knitting. For those unable to sew or knit, teachers are available. All women are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to serve America. The Sisterhood sewing circle meets each Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the vestry rooms.

Kurtes, the Isidore M. Cohens, and Lloyd S. Schaper...